

Q & A for Dual Credit Scholarship Program

Do students need to complete an application?

Students do not need to complete an application for the Dual Credit Scholarship program. The school districts will apply to KHEAA for DCS funding on behalf of students. Students will still need to complete the admissions process if required by the postsecondary institution where they are enrolling for dual credit coursework.

Are all Kentucky high school students eligible for the program?

*No. To be eligible for a Dual Credit Scholarship, a student must be a Kentucky resident, be enrolled in a Kentucky **public** high school, be enrolled in an eligible dual credit course at a participating Kentucky postsecondary institution, and complete a 30-minute college success counseling session each year of scholarship eligibility.*

Who will provide the 30-minute college success counseling session for students?

KHEAA and the Kentucky Department of Education are developing a counseling session that can be used to fulfill the college success counseling requirement for students. The session materials will be distributed to high schools in early August. The counseling session may be conducted by a high school faculty member, staff person, high school administrator, or a Kentucky Career Center Specialist designated by the student's school counselor as a college success mentor.

Are postsecondary institutions required to participate in the program?

No. Postsecondary institutions must notify KHEAA if they desire to participate each year by the established deadline. The deadline for declaring intent to participate in the 2016-2017 program is July 8, 2016. If an institution decides not to participate in this year's DCS program, they may join the program in a future year.

Which college courses are eligible for the Dual Credit Scholarship?

A dual credit course is a college-level course of study developed in accordance with KRS 164.098 in which a high school student receives credit from both the high school and the postsecondary institution in which the student is enrolled upon completion of a single class or designated program of study. The dual credit courses offered to high school students eligible for the Dual Credit Scholarship must be general education dual credit courses and/or career and technical education dual credit courses within a state-approved career pathway leading to an industry recognized credential.

Can students take dual credit coursework online?

Yes. Dual credit courses may be offered to students through a participating postsecondary institution online, at a high school, or at a participating institution's campus.

What happens if a student wants to take more than two (2) dual credit courses during the 2016-2017 year? What if the student is enrolled at more than one postsecondary institution during the same semester?

The student's high school will identify the courses that count toward the Dual Credit Scholarship program when applying to KHEAA as well as the institution where those courses are being taken. KHEAA will, in turn, provide information to the postsecondary institution where the student is enrolled so the institution will know which courses are or are not covered by the scholarship program. The student will be responsible for payment of coursework that is not covered by the Dual Credit Scholarship.

Can a participating postsecondary institution charge more than the dual credit rate if students want to take more than two (2) courses?

No. Participating postsecondary institutions must charge no more than the dual credit rate, which is \$52 per credit hour for the 2016-2017 year, regardless of the number of dual credit courses an individual student elects to take.

Can Dual Credit Scholarship funds be used for dual enrollment?

No. Only dual credit courses are eligible for program funding.

Can Dual Credit Scholarship funds be used to reimburse students and/or parents for expenses related to dual credit coursework?

No. Only participating postsecondary institutions are eligible for payment from Dual Credit Scholarship funds.

Will the Mary Jo Young Scholarship be available?

A final decision regarding the Mary Jo Young Scholarship is pending at this time.

Can LEAs include students attending either the Gatton Academy or Craft Academy in their Dual Credit Scholarship population?

No. State funding is provided through other means to support those programs.

How will LEAs request additional funding if they need more than their initial allocation for Dual Credit Scholarships?

KHEAA will evaluate the utilization of funds and notify LEAs of the availability of additional allocation by November 15 for the fall semester and April 15 for the spring semester. LEAs will then be provided an opportunity to request additional funds from KHEAA. A detailed explanation of the process will be provided by KHEAA when the additional allocations are announced this fall.

The amount appropriated for the program is \$7.5 million each year. What happens if the entire appropriation is not used?

The Dual Credit Scholarship program's General Fund appropriation does not lapse at the close of the fiscal year, but continues to the next fiscal year. Should there be continuing appropriation at the end of the 2016-2017 year, KHEAA will include those amounts to increase each district's allotment for the 2017-2018 year.

Who can I contact if I have additional questions regarding the Dual Credit Scholarship or Mary Jo Young Scholarship programs?

You may contact KHEAA's Director of Student Aid Services, Becky Gilpatrick, at rgilpatrick@kheaa.com or (800) 928-8926 ext. 67394.